

Spring Mill State Park

All programs are free unless otherwise noted.

Programs at all our state parks and reservoirs: www.interpretiveservices.in.gov/programs

Nature Center
Open Daily 10am-5pm

Virgil I. Grissom Memorial
Open Daily 8:30am-4pm

Pioneer Village & Twin Caves
Closed for the Season

Watch for the
roving naturalist!



Look for our
hikes and strolls!



Please arrive on time for scheduled programs.
Spring Mill State Park follows Eastern Daylight Time.

Public programs are designed for individuals and families.

If you will be bringing an organized group, contact the Nature Center in advance for a copy of our program catalogue and schedule a private program just for your group (prices vary). (812) 849-4129

Get advance notice of special events and programs!

Sign up for our email list at the Nature Center, Pioneer Village Grist Mill, Spring Mill Inn, or email springmillstatepark-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

HP-HP Healthy Parks – Healthy People

Get “INShape” with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park healthy.

2008 Special Event List for Spring Mill State Park

Now Available by Request at the Nature Center

December 2007

Saturday, December 1

11am-1pm Deck the Halls... of the Nature Center! – Drop in and help us prepare the Nature Center for the winter season by painting the windows with winter scenes, cutting out paper snowflakes, and creating other winter season decorations to display. Nature Center.

1pm-9pm Celebrate the Holiday Season in the Pioneer Village – Candles glow in the windows and lamps light the rooms, as the Pioneer Village prepares to celebrate an 1863 Christmas. Savor the smell the wassail simmering on the stove and holiday cookies baking in the oven, as pioneer heritage interpreters craft holiday gifts and decorations. Don't forget to bring your children over to the Gristmill to meet Father Christmas!



6pm Holiday Campsite Decorating Contest – Bring your seasonal decorating flair to the campground and turn it loose on your campsite! All decorations must be in place by 6:00pm; decorating a campsite automatically enters you into the contest. Judges will award prizes to the top three campsites by 7:30pm.



Sunday, December 2

1:30pm Marble Magnets – Use these magnets to bring a touch of nature to your refrigerator. Nature Center, Program (30 min).

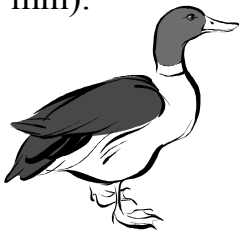
Saturday, December 8

1:30pm **A Children’s Pioneer Christmas** – Children will discover what Christmas was like during the 1860s as they play period games and make pioneer crafts to take home. Father Christmas will also join us to hear children’s holiday wishes. *Participants should check-in at the Gristmill in the Pioneer Village by no later than 1:45pm; the event will conclude at 3:30pm. Recommended for ages 5-12.*

Cost is \$5/child; limited to 40 children Pre-registration required by 4pm on December 4th to the Park Office at 812-849-4129. *Accompanying adults are free of charge – please, no more than one adult per child.*

Sunday, December 9

1:30pm **Winter on the Water** – Join us for a short hike along the edge of the lake to see what kinds of animals are out and about during the winter. Meet at the Nature Center, Back Patio (45 min).



Monday, Dec 10 – Tuesday, Dec 11

The **ENTIRE PARK** (including the Spring Mill Inn) **WILL BE CLOSED** for controlled hunts to manage our deer population. Entry to the park will be restricted to registered hunters only.



Saturday, December 15

2:30pm **Naturally Beautiful Ornaments** – Create reindeer and star ornaments for your tree using materials from nature. Nature Center, Program Room (30 min).

Sunday, December 16

11:30am **Pinecone Garland** – Craft a decorative garland out of pinecones and bells to adorn your home while learning how to identify the types of pinecones found in Spring Mill State Park. Nature Center, Program Room (45 min).



Saturday, December 22

1:30pm **Fantasy Tree Gift Tags** – Make a set of unique gift tags inspired by designs in our winter trees. Nature Center, Program Room (30 min).

Sunday, December 23

3:30pm **Scented Santas** – Paint a cute cinnamon-stick Santa and learn about the origins of this ubiquitous holiday figure. Nature Center, Program Room (30 min).



Tuesday, Dec 25

Nature Center and Grissom Memorial are closed today for the Christmas holiday.

Thursday, December 27

2:30pm Wildlife Snow Gauge – Pick your favorite winter woodland creature to adorn the top of a cute snow gauge and learn how animals survive severe winter weather. Nature Center, Program Room (30 min).

Friday, December 28

2:00pm Winter Wonderland Craft Workshop – During this afternoon workshop, you'll craft a pair of snowflake placemats, make a clay pot snowman, and adorn a glass candle holder. Nature Center, Program Room (2 hr).



Cost is \$5/person; limited to 15 people. Pre-registration required by 4pm on December 27; call the Park Office at 812-849-4129.

Saturday, December 29

10:30am Winter Wander Hike – Explore an area of the park that can only be visited during the winter (and when accompanied by park staff!). We'll wander the area between the lake and campground and see what we can find. Meet at the Campground parking lot (2 hr).



2:30-4:30p Winter Bonfire – Warm up around our bonfire! We'll also have hot drinks, games to play, and info on neat places to visit in the park during the winter months. Campground, Youth Tent Area (follow the signs). *You are welcome to drive right into the campground and park in the youth tent parking lot or at an empty campsite.*



Sunday, December 30

2:00pm Festive Forest Garland – Celebrate the evergreen trees that lend a bit of green to Spring Mill's forest during the winter by creating a garland to hang in your house. You'll also learn how to identify two of the most common evergreens that can be found growing in the park. Nature Center, Program Room (45 min).



Monday, December 31

3:00pm New Year's Eve for the Birds – Help start the new year right for our feathered friends... create an assortment of bird-friendly treats to hang outside before you go to bed tonight (or go out to celebrate!) and the birds in your neighborhood will wake up to wonderful New Year! Nature Center, Program Room (45-60 min).



Tuesday, January 1

Nature Center and Grissom Memorial are closed today for the New Year's holiday.

2008 NATURE POETRY CONTEST OPENS ON JANUARY 7

WHEAT-WEAVING WORKSHOP ON JANUARY 24

2ND ANNUAL GEOCACHE CHALLENGE ON FEBRUARY 2